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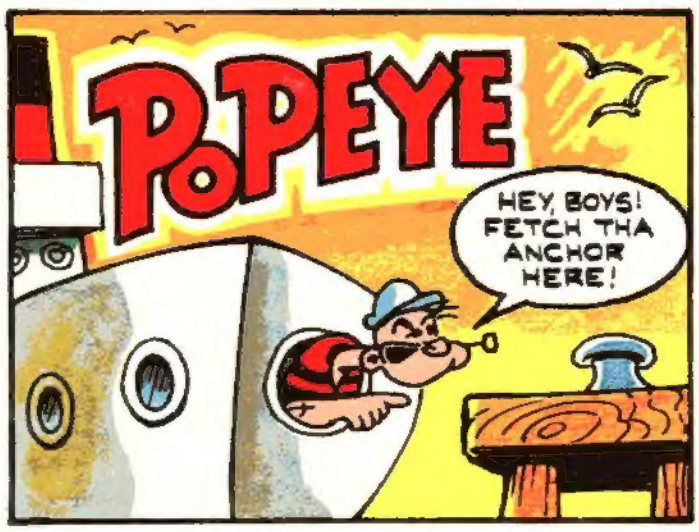

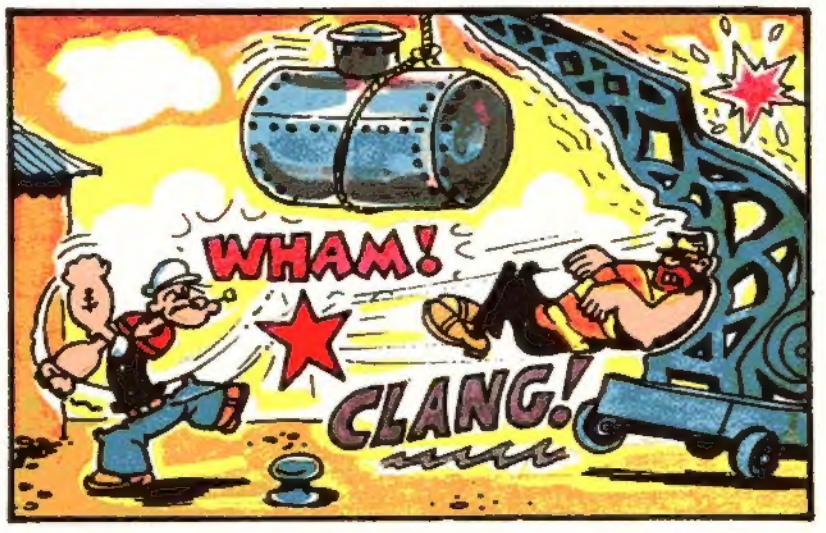

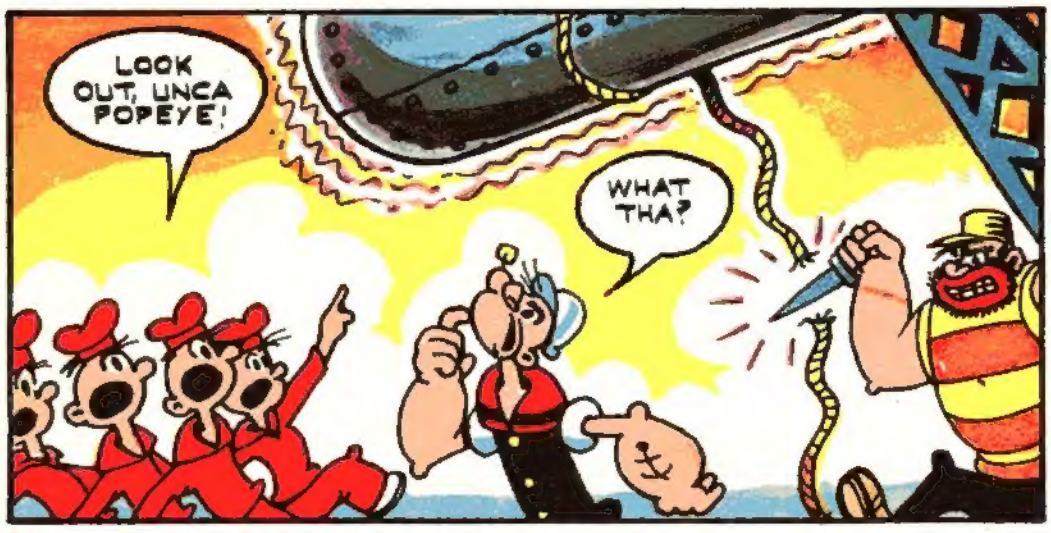

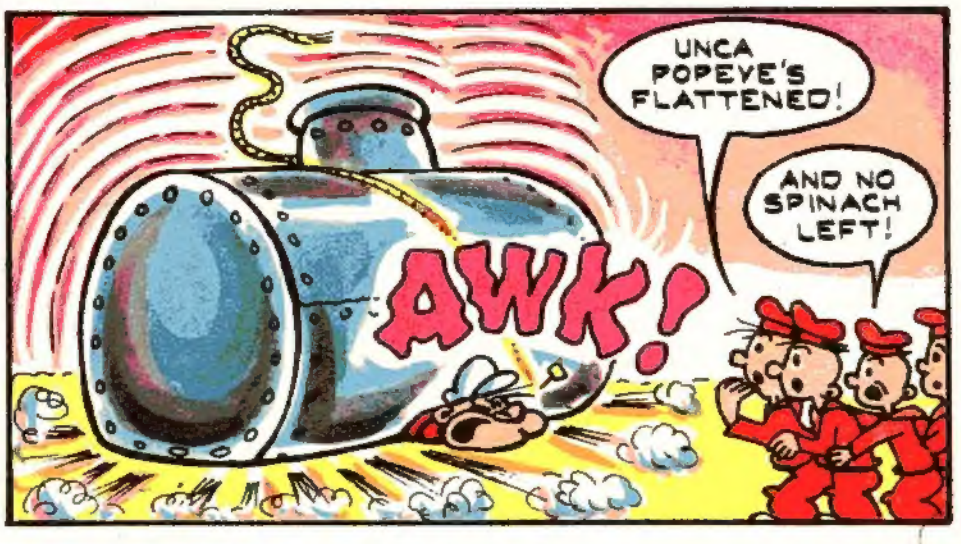

FOUR FEATHER FALLS

HEY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GIRLS? YOU'VE ONLY LAID ONE EGG BETWEEN FIVE OF YOU!

LATER...

THEM HENS OF MINE DON'T LAY ENOUGH EGGS TO PAY FOR THEIR CORN, TEX!

THERE'S AN INDIAN MEDICINE MAN UP IN THE HILLS WHO KNOWS HOW TO MAKE HENS LAY WELL.

IN THAT CASE I GUESS I'LL RIDE UP TO SEE HIM, TEX. WHERE DOES HE HANG OUT?

I'LL LEND YOU DUSTY FOR THE DAY, TWINK, HE KNOWS THE WAY.

TWINK SADDLED HIS HORSE AND FOLLOWED DUSTY ALONG THE ROUGH TRAIL TO THE HILLS.

DON'T RUSH IT, DUSTY, LAD. ME AN' MY HORSE IS BOTH GETTIN' OLD AND WE TIRE EASY!

THE WAY WAS HARD AND LONG AND BY NOON THERE WAS STILL NO SIGN OF THE MEDICINE MAN'S HIDEOUT.

AT LONG LAST, DUSTY BARKED JOYOUSLY AND TWINK SAW A TEPEE THROUGH A GAP IN THE ROCKS AHEAD.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE MEDICINE MAN.

THEN...

HOW! YOU COME TO SEE ME, HUH?

Adapted from Granada's Television series "Four Feather Falls."

TWINK LOOKED UP AND SAW THE MEDICINE MAN BEHIND THE ROCKS ABOVE...

I HEAR YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE HENS LAY MANY EGGS!

THE MEDICINE MAN TOOK TWINK ALONG TO HIS TEPEE.

FEED THESE BEANS TO YOUR HENS!

TWINK PAID THE INDIAN FOR THE BEANS AND SET OFF ON THE LONG JOURNEY TO FOUR FEATHER FALLS.

NEXT MORNING HE MIXED THE BEANS WITH THE HENS' CORN.

EAT IT ALL UP, GIRLS, IT WILL DO YOU GOOD!

THE MORNING AFTER, THE RESULTS WERE STARTLING.

FIFTY EGGS IN A DAY FROM FIVE HENS! IT'S INCREDIBLE!

THE NEWS OF TWINK'S AMAZING EGG HARVEST SPREAD FAR AND WIDE.

WE GO INTO ZE EGG BUSINESS TOO, EH, FERNANDO?

AND SO...

HAND OVER ZE EGGS, MEESTER TWEENK!

TWINK UPSET THE BASKET OF EGGS OVER PEDRO'S HEAD.

THERE YOU ARE, PEDRO, YOU CAN HAVE THE LOT!

WHY DID YOU NOT FIRE AT HEEM, PEDRO?

YOU ARE STUPID, FERNANDO. HOW COULD I SEE WHERE TO SHOOT WITH ALL ZE EGGS IN MY EYES?

MIGHTY USEFUL HAVIN' SO MANY EGGS. YOU CAN FIGHT OFF ARMED BANDITS WITH 'EM, TEX!

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"Four Feather Falls" will be back in next week's grand FREE GIFT issue of TV COMIC!

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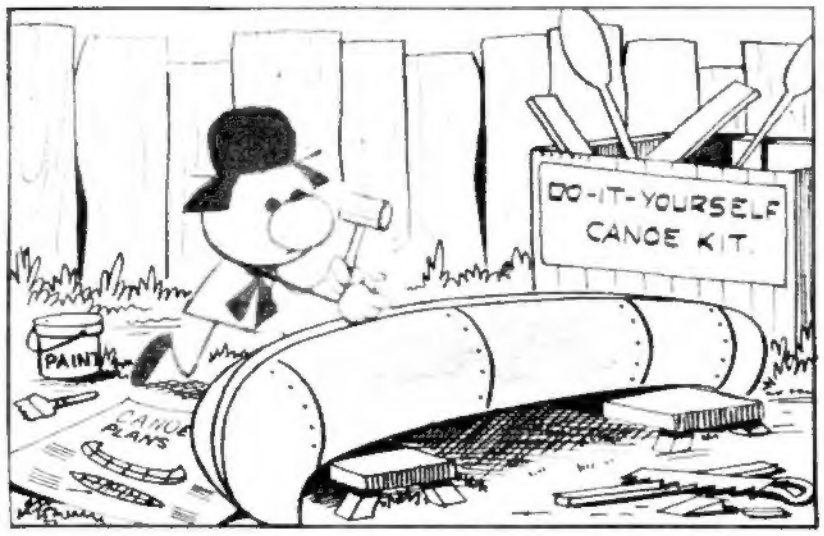
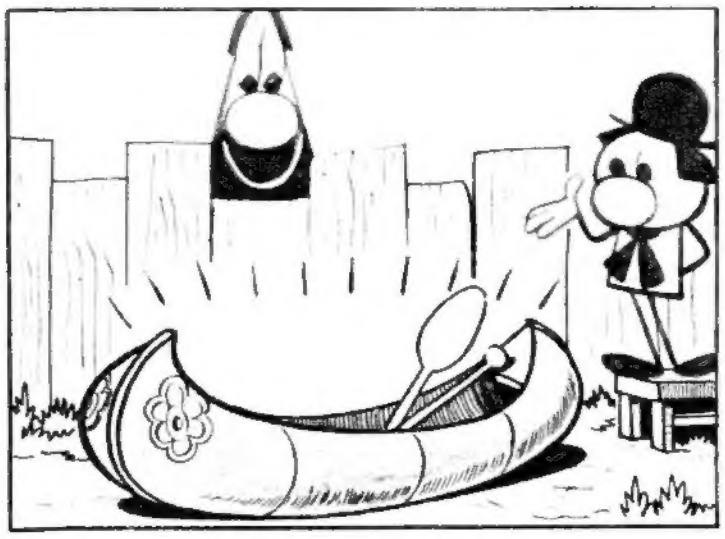
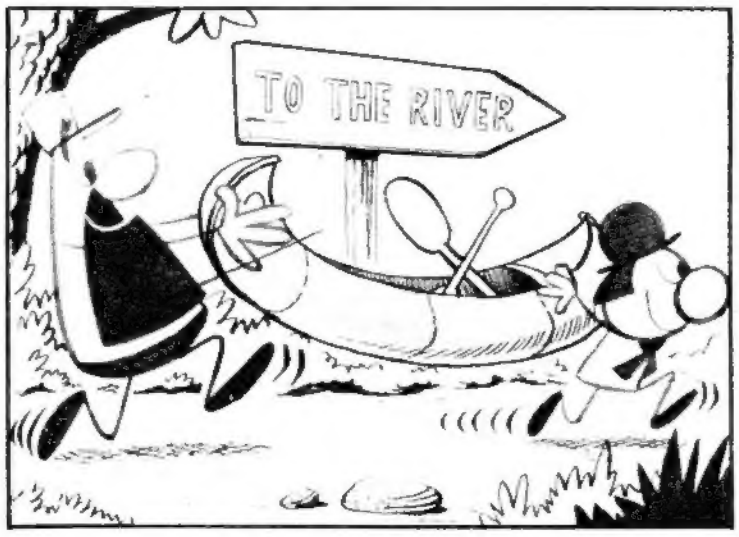
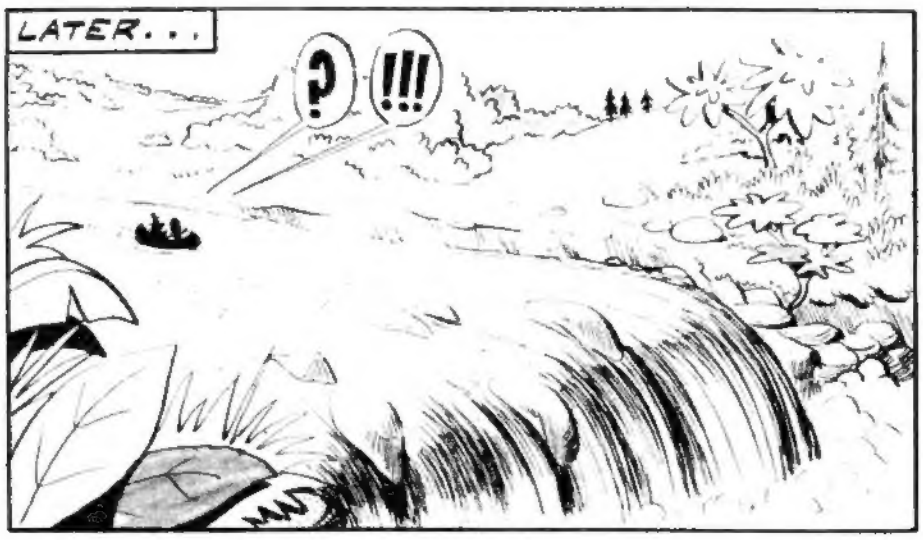
THE HANDYMAN

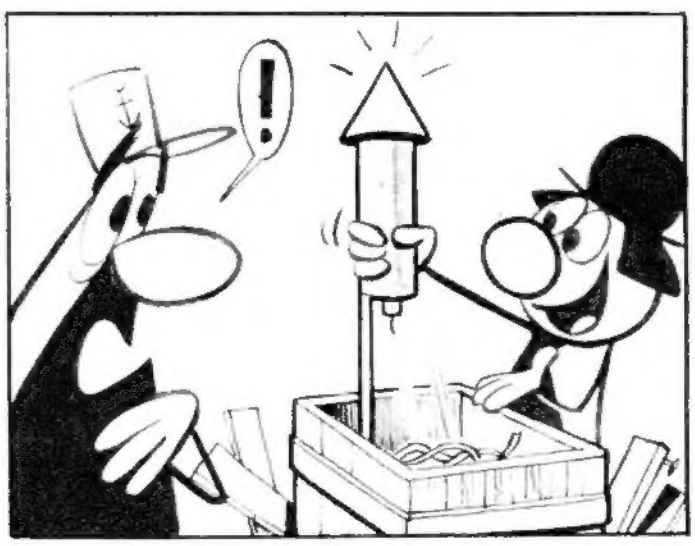
by Halas & Batchelor

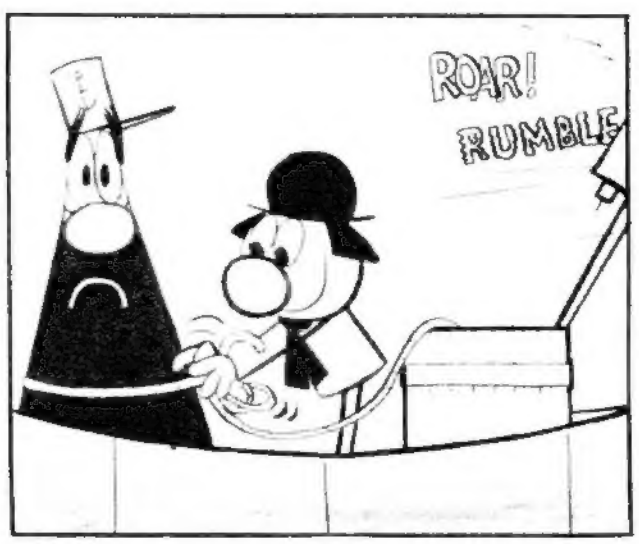


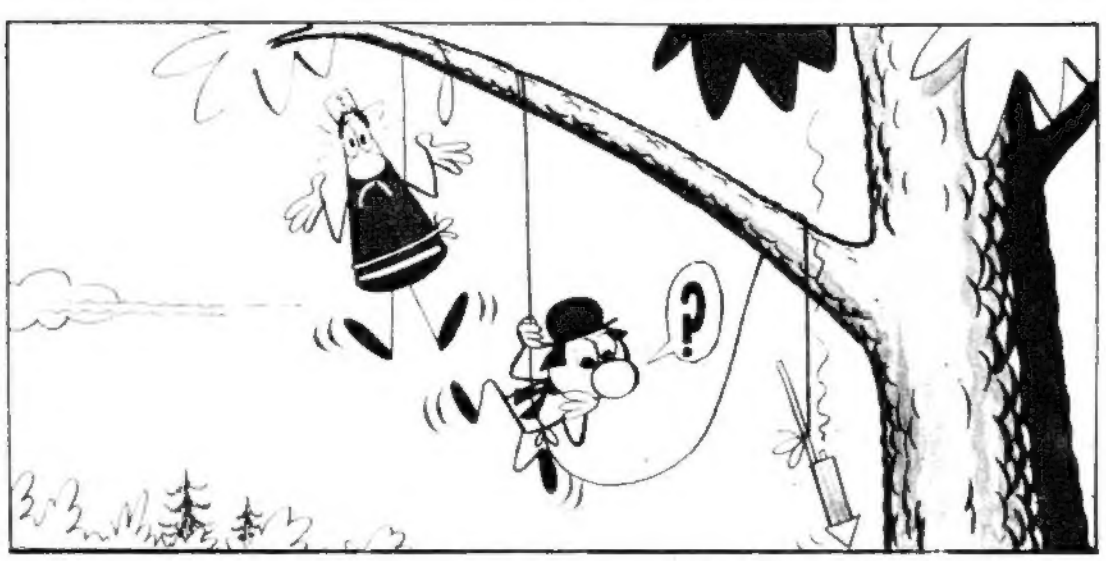












Adapted from ABC Television's series "Foo Foo."

Next week: Foo Foo the Golfer!

THE RANGE RIDER

WHILE the Range Rider was fighting in the ring with the State Boxing Champion, Rufus Webb, the champ's manager and seconds were busy robbing the town of Silverload. It was a good scheme, for all the inhabitants were at the ringside, but the Range Rider finished the fight too soon and exposed the crooks. Then he set about finding Lafe Roscoe, who had been kidnapped by a gambler named Grant Soper.

COME ON, DICK! WE'LL HAVE A WORD WITH SOPER.

QUICK, BRING THE HORSES ROUND, DICK. WE'LL FOLLOW HIM!

SOPER UNWITTINGLY LED THEM INTO THE HILLS WHERE ROSCOE WAS BEING HELD PRISONER.

I RECKON YOUR MANAGER WILL PAY A LOT TO GET YOU BACK!

HEY, BOSS, WE'VE GOT COMPANY!

THAT'S THE GUY WHO BEAT THE CHAMP AND COST ME A FORTUNE IN WAGERS! HE RUINED ME! BRING OUT MY RIFLE!

DOWN, DICK! WE'RE BEING SHOT AT!

KEEP 'EM BUSY, DICK...I'LL TRY TO GET UP THERE!

SOPER'S HENCHMEN QUICKLY SURRENDERED AND ROSCOE WAS RESCUED. LATER, IN TOWN . . .

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, RANGE RIDER. YOU SAVED MY BOY...AND THE TOWN'S MONEY.

FORGET IT, CHARLIE. IT WAS A PLEASURE!

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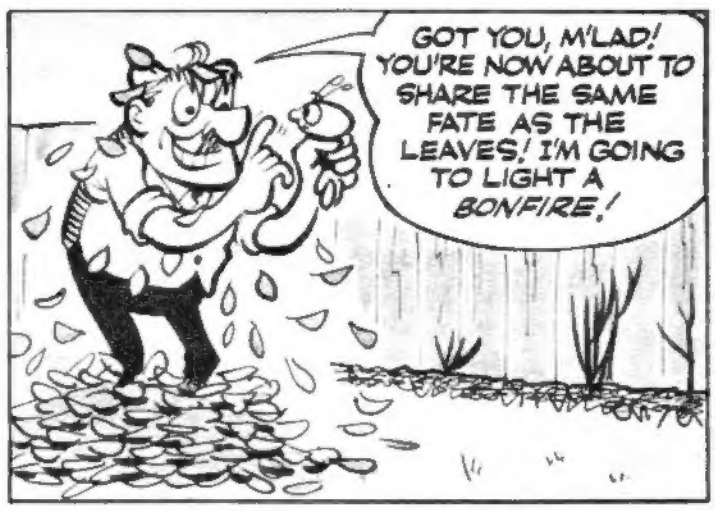
A thrilling new Range Rider story begins in next week's TV COMIC!

MIGHTY MOTH



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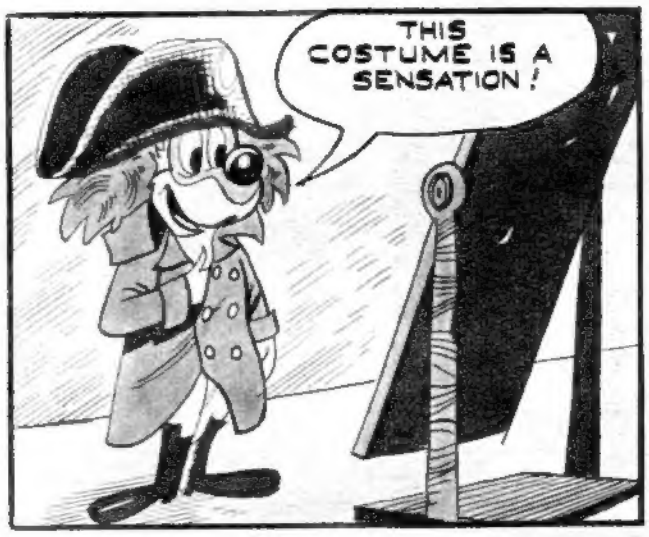
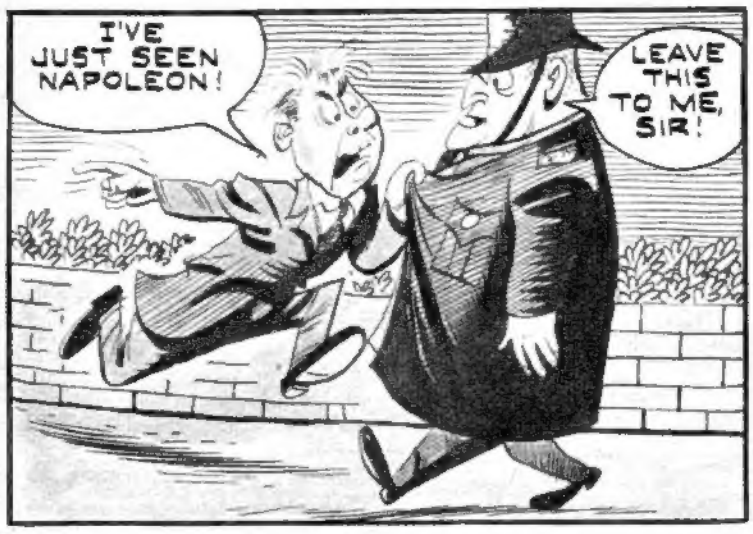
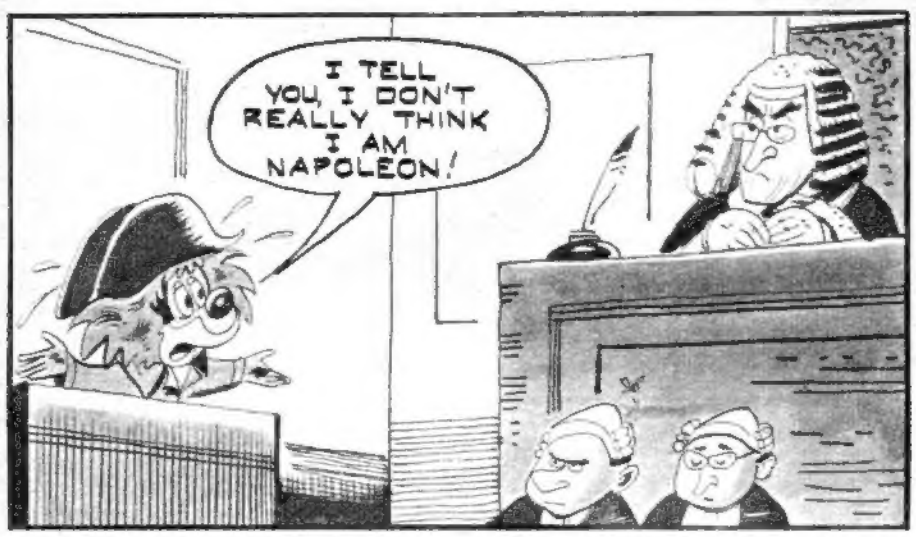
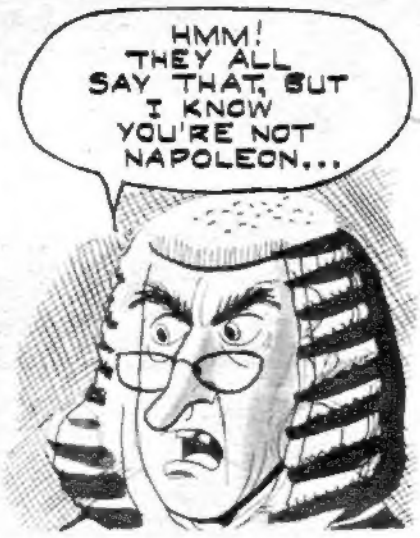
TERRY HALL'S

Lenny the Lion









Next week, Lenny tries his hand at Archaeology!

MASTERSPY and Zarin have stolen a sports car to escape after taking Dr. Beaker's blueprints for a new submarine. Mike Mercury and the doctor pursue the spies into the Grand Canyon.

AH... WE'LL CRASH, PILOT!

HOLD TIGHT, DOC! I'M GONNA STAND SUPERCAR ON HER TAIL!

PULLING BACK THE CONTROLS OF SUPERCAR, MIKE SENT THE WONDER MACHINE UPWARDS...

THERE THEY ARE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE THEM TURN BACK TO THE OPEN COUNTRY!

IT'S FANTASTIC! IT'S TREMENDOUS! IT'S—

SUPERCAR

IT FLASHES ACROSS THE SKY—IT ZOOMS THROUGH WATER—IT SPEEDS OVER LAND! IT'S THE MARVEL OF THE AGE!

Based on the A.P. Films Ltd., and Associated Television Ltd., series "Supercar".

THEY'LL HAVE TO TURN ROUND NOW... OR GO STRAIGHT THROUGH US!

CURSE THAT INFERNAL MACHINE!

MIKE TOOK OFF AGAIN TO FOLLOW THE SAUNDERSON SPECIAL BACK TO THE OPEN ROAD...

HOW CAN WE SHAKE THEM OFF NOW, MASTERSPY?

BE QUIET, FOOL! I'M TRYING TO CONCENTRATE ON HANDLING THIS CAR!

MASTERSPY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RETURN TO THE FLAT ROAD.

GUESS HE'LL STOP SOON ENOUGH NOW!

STOP, MASTERSPY! THEY'LL LAND ON TOP OF US!

STOP YOUR WHINING... YOU ANNOY ME!

MIKE BROUGHT SUPERCAR EVEN LOWER AND SOON MASTERSPY WAS IN PANIC AS WELL AS ZARIN.

YOU CRAZY FOOL, MERCURY! ALRIGHT, YOU WIN!

START WALKING, YOU TWO~ IT'S A LONG WAY BACK TO CIVILISATION!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS SOME DAY, MERCURY!

MIKE AND DR. BEAKER DELIVERED THE SAUNDERSON SPECIAL BACK TO ITS OWNERS AND THE NEXT DAY, THE ATTEMPT ON THE CROSS STATES RECORD WAS MADE.

THE SPECIAL'S SURE MAKING GOOD TIME!

WHEN SAN FRANCISCO WAS REACHED...

YOU DID IT! YOU'VE BROKEN THE RECORD!

YES, MIKE~ THANKS TO YOU AND SUPERCAR!

MEVIN

This week's SUPERCAR CLUB lucky licence number is: 15,431. *Apply for your grand prize now!*

Do not miss the action-packed new SUPERCAR adventure starting in next week's TV COMIC!

ANIMAL CARE

Grahame Dangerfield tells you how to look after your pets.

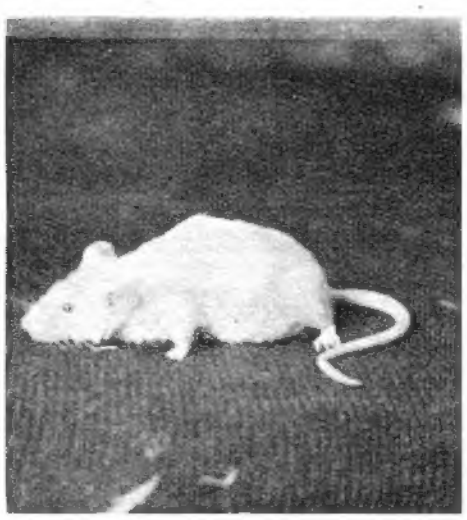
THIS WEEK: MICE

About your Pet

MICE are among the most popular of pets, and nearly all children at some time or other have a yearning to keep them. As a true pet, mice are very good creatures to keep, but it is very sad that often they are not looked after at all well.

As with any pet, you must get ready in advance, and prepare all your cages, supply of food, etc. before you go to the pet shop and buy the animal.

In the case of mice this is perhaps very much more important than with other pets, as they can multiply at an alarming rate, and you will



Mice are very popular pets and are quite easy to keep.

soon find more pet mice on your hands than you know what to do with.

Housing

FIRSTLY remember that the mouse is a rodent, that is to say it is an animal that gnaws by nature. This means that, as a pet, it will gnaw its way out of any wooden cage that is not properly made.

You may immediately think that an answer to this is the all-metal pet shop cage that you can buy, and in some ways it is. But I always prefer wood for animal cages, and most pet shop cages are far too small, or have compulsory wheels which are not good things.

You should always buy as big a cage as you possibly can, or else get your father to make you a nice big one.

The basic design for a mouse cage is the rabbit-hutch type, i.e. two compartments, one of which is the nest box. I prefer mouse nest boxes to be fitted high in the cage, rather than on the cage floor, or a separate compartment at the same level as the floor.

A high nest box should have a ladder reaching up to it, and this need not be like an ordinary ladder with rungs, but just a strip of wood with niches cut out of it so that the mice can get a good grip for climbing.

A nest box should have plenty of ventilation, and this can be done by making very big entrance holes, about 2 inches in diameter, or by having a perforated zinc-covered ventilation panel.

The smallest cage should never be less than 18 inches long by 10 inches from front to back, by 18 inches high. The front should be sliding glass, and please make sure the edges of the glass are filed down so that they are completely smooth.

A mouse has a long tail to assist it in climbing, so always give it the chance to do this by supplying ample branches in the cage.

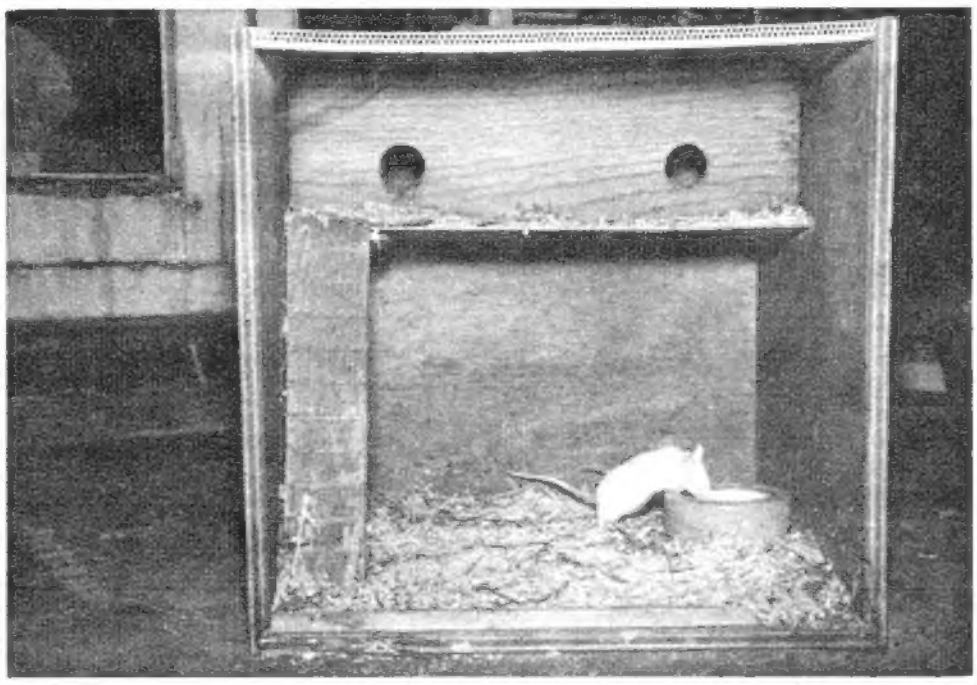
If a wooden cage is properly made, the mice will have little chance of gnawing their way out, but if there are rough corners then these should be covered with strips of metal.

A zinc tray in the bottom of the cage, that will slide out, is the best way of cleaning out the cage, and even better, a mesh floor with a tray underneath.

A good layer of sawdust on the floor of the cage will help to keep everything clean, and the nest box should be filled with hay. The mice may eat some of this, so see that they do not go short.

It is best to clean the main part of the cage out every day if you can, and the nest box can be cleaned out every week.

If you intend to keep the mice in the house, then daily cleaning is important as this will prevent any smell, especially if there is a thick layer of sawdust on the floor.



This is the ideal cage. Note the ladder leading up to the nest box.

Once a month you can scrub the whole cage out with boiling water and a little disinfectant, but be very sure to see that the cage is completely dry before the mice go back again.

When cleaning out, the mice should be put into a spare cage, or a biscuit tin with holes in the lid and sawdust inside will do. NEVER LEAVE THE MICE IN A TIN FOR LONG.

Here the nest box is seen from above, with the lid off. It is placed high in the cage.

Selection

WHEN all your cages are ready you can then buy your mice. Young mice are best.

Males or females make equally good pets, but ask the dealer for two or three females if you do not want to breed. Several males in a cage with females may fight.

Always buy healthy mice, and these should be active, with good coats.

Feeding

YOU can buy a prepared food in a packet, and this is a good diet. There must always be water available to mice, and if given in a pot, it should be cleaned every day. The best way of giving water, however, is by strapping a medicine bottle upside down to the side of the cage.

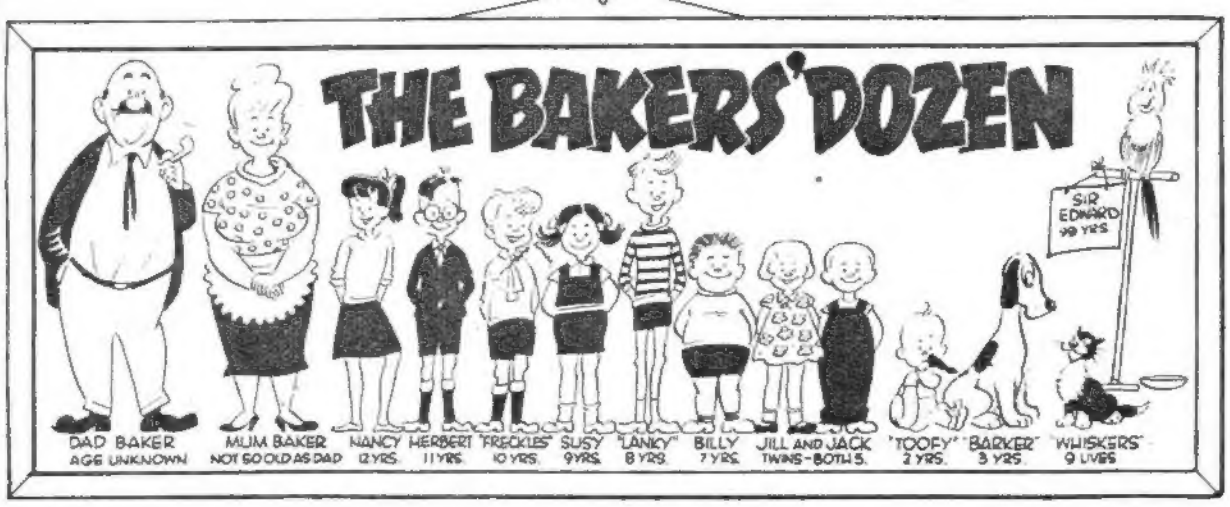
The bottle should be corked and a length of glass pipe should lead from the bottle, through the cork and into the cage.

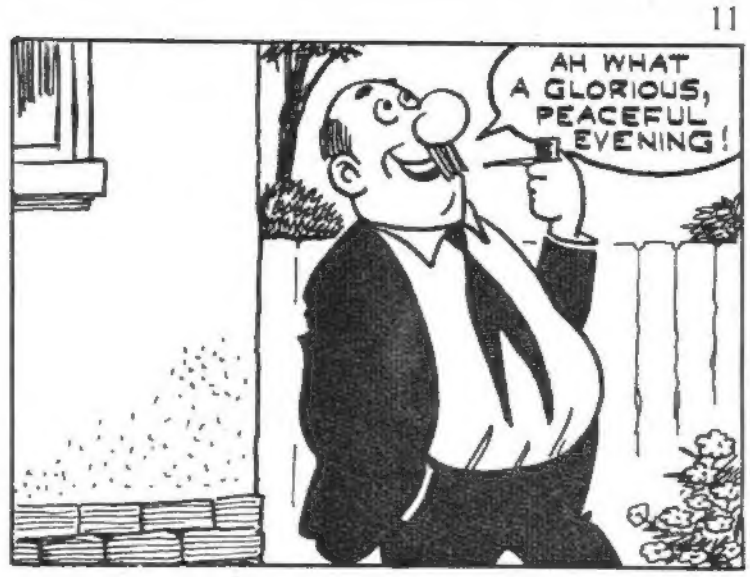
If the bore of the pipe is small enough, the water will only come out when the mice lick the tube. Oats and seeds can also be given, and some green food such as dandelion leaves, chick-weed, lettuce, watercress, and the odd piece of apple or carrot. Brown bread, soaked in boiling water, and then squeezed hard, can be given with a little milk. Stale food should be removed every day, and all food is best given in a pot, which should be kept clean at all times.

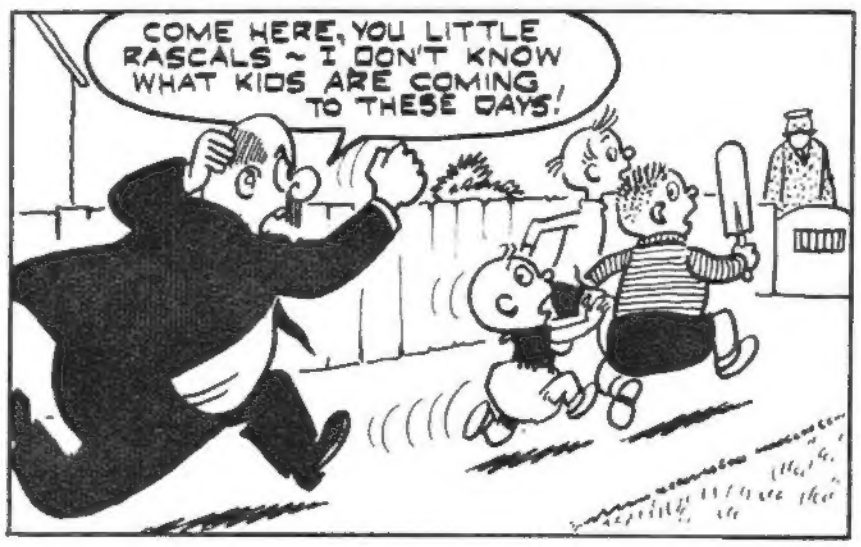
Handling

MICE should be picked up by the tail near the base, but NEVER by the tip of the tail. Immediately they are clear of the cage they should be transferred to the palm of your hand. If handled a lot they become very tame, and then they will not jump off the hand.

THE BAKERS' DOZEN







LOOK, THERE'S OLD CRABSBY! YOU BROKE HIS WINDOW WITH A CRICKET BALL AND IT COST YOUR DAD SEVEN AND SIXPENCE TO MEND IT!
GOSH, YES! I REMEMBER THAT!

Turn to the next page for a thrilling announcement!

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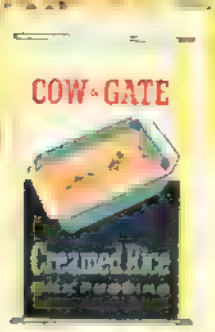

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO Four sets of mixed animals, a set of 15 fences *plus* a beautifully coloured cut-out for making a set of farm buildings comprise the Cow & Gate farm. For each set send two Cow & Gate Creamed Rice Milk Pudding labels and 2/6d. plus postage. Use the coupon for your order.

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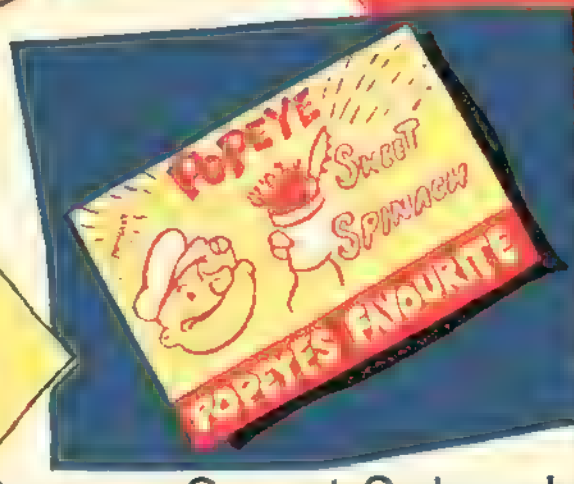

Popeye Sweet Spinach in TV Comic on sale 16th October

AND THE WEEK AFTER!

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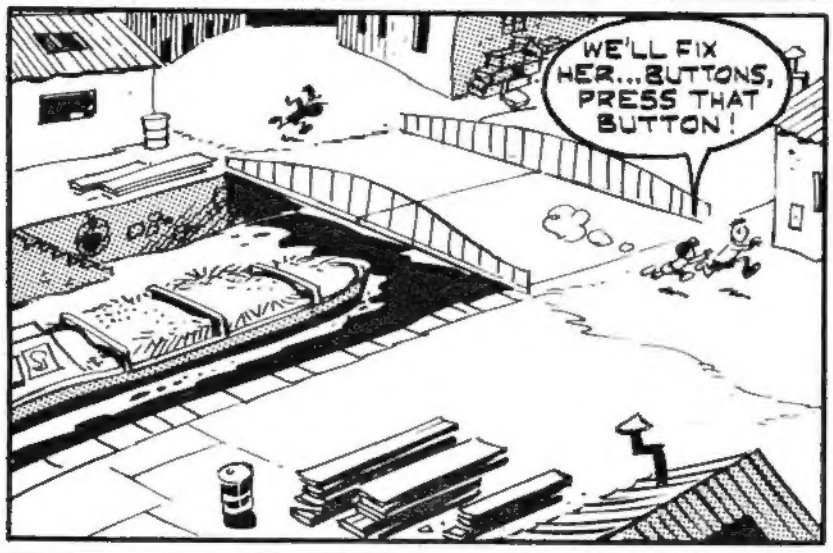

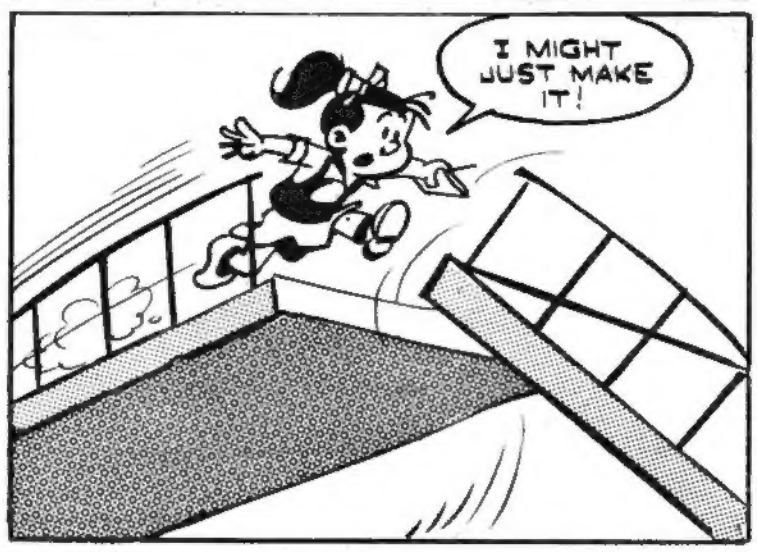

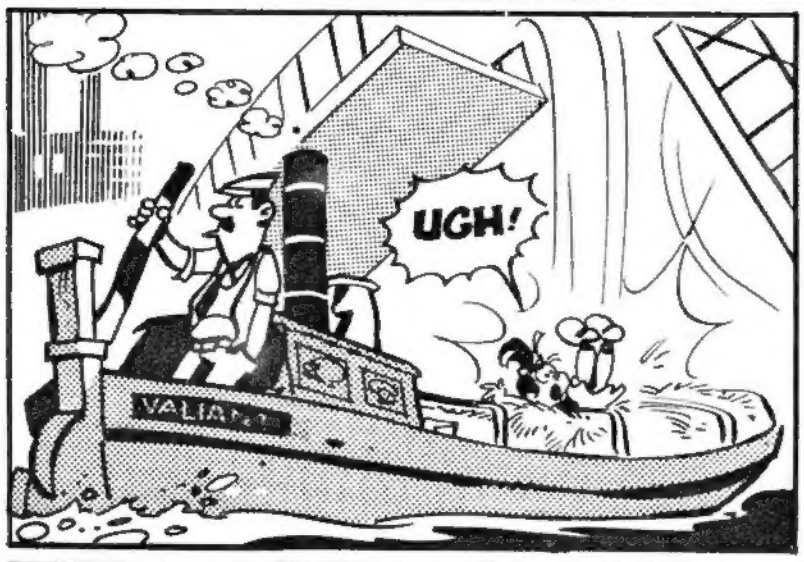

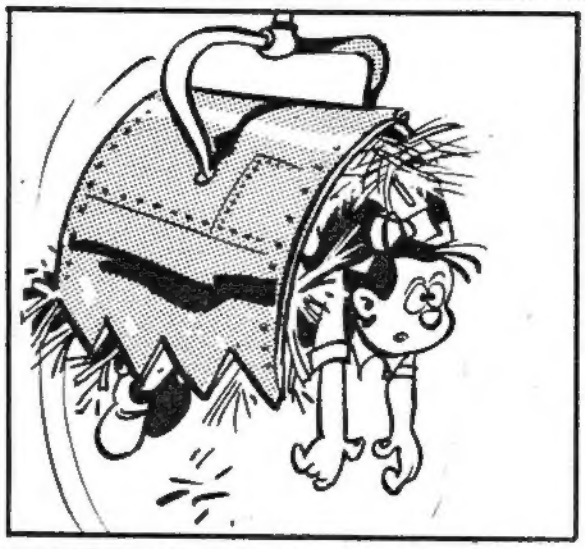

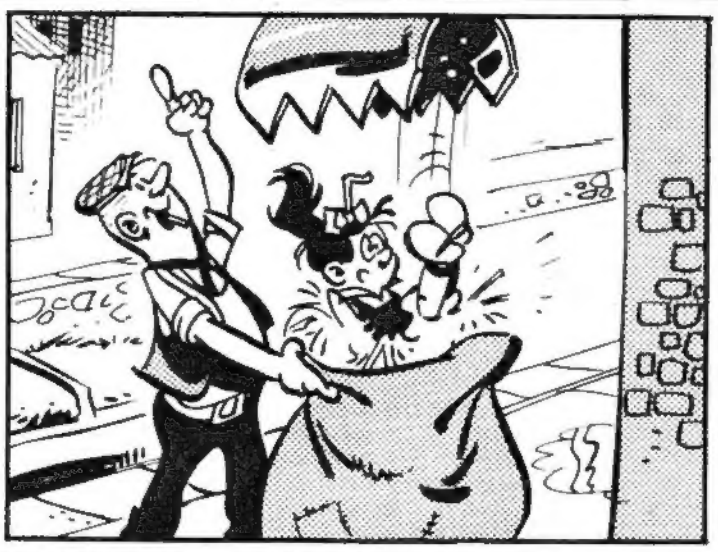

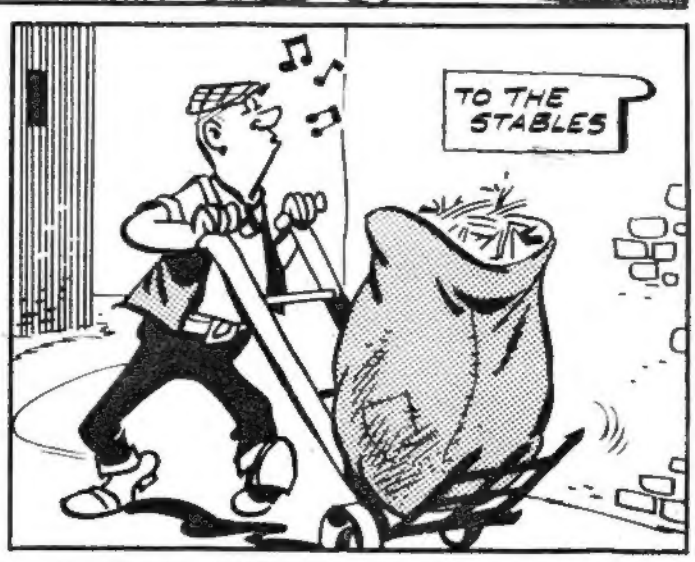

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FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BROTHER ELIAS had changed the Order which Francis had formed. This broke Francis's heart and he went to live and work as a recluse in a dim cave. Then he collapsed, blind and gravely ill.

TAKE ME TO THE CHURCH. LET ME REST THERE.

SOON WORD OF FRANCIS'S ILLNESS TRAVELLED ACROSS CHRISTENDOM, AND PAOLO, THE FRIARS OLD SOLDIER FRIEND HEARD.

HE IS AT THE CHURCH OF PERUGIA. HIS HOURS ARE DRAWING TO AN END.

FRANCIS IS INSIDE... YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER... NO-ONE IS!

WE USED TO BE FRIENDS. HE'LL WANT TO SEE ME.

PAOLO? THAT'S PAOLO'S VOICE. LET HIM COME.

TAKE MY HAND... I CANNOT SEE YOU!

THIS HAND HAS DONE SO MUCH... HELD A SWORD, HEALED THE SICK, WORKED WITH STONE... MINE HAS DONE SO LITTLE. SHOW ME HOW TO CHANGE, FRANCIS. TEACH ME YOUR WAY.

WHATEVER SMALL THING I HAVE DONE WILL ONLY BE WORTHWHILE IF IT TEACHES MEN TO LIVE IN PEACE. GOD WILL SHOW YOU WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, PAOLO. THERE IS ALWAYS TIME TO CHANGE TO HIM!

THEN ALL THE BIRDS OF THE AIR FLEW OVER THE CHURCH AND ON ABOVE ASSISI. FRANCIS HAD GONE TO BE WITH GOD...

Freely adapted from the Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope film "Francis of Assisi."

BOOTSIE and SNUDGE start in TV COMIC next week. Don't miss the laughs!

COCO the CLOWN

AH! I FEEL FIT THIS MORNING!

HULLO! THERE'S THE BOSS-HE LOOKS WORRIED!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, BOSS?

HUH! EVERYBODY IN THE CIRCUS IS OFF COLOUR! I MUST DO SOMETHING!

I'VE GOT THE VERY IDEA FOR GETTING 'EM FIT!

THERE! THAT OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK!

NOTICE! TODAY! A GREAT PAPER-CHASE, FOR THOSE WHO FEEL FIT... LED BY Coco!

NOW, LISTEN, YOU DEAD-BEATS... I'LL LAY THE TRAIL- YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME TEN MINUTES START, SEE?

OFF WE GO!

DANGER WEAK BRIDGE.

CRACK

NOT TO WORRY.... PRESS ON...

BEWARE OF THE BULL

CRUMBS! WHAT WAS THAT?

?

BUFF!

AHA! HERE COMES THE TRAIL BOSS, IN A HURRY, TOO!

OKAY! CARRY HIM BACK, HE'S A BIT OUT OF CONDITION!

WHAT A TURN-UP! EVERYBODY ELSE IS FIT... AND YOU, THE STAR TURN, THE ONLY INVALID!

YES, BOSS!

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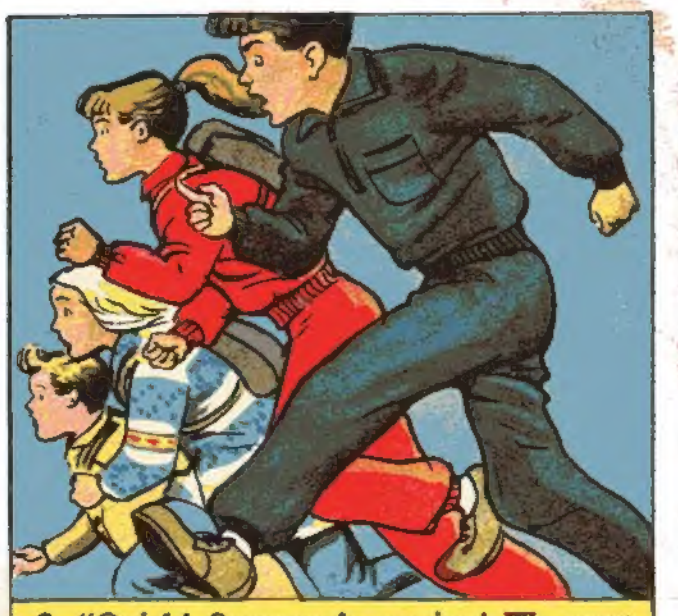
The Secret Sign of the Ladybird Adventure Club

You too will be a member if you wear Ladybird clothes — like 6 million other boys and girls all over the world.

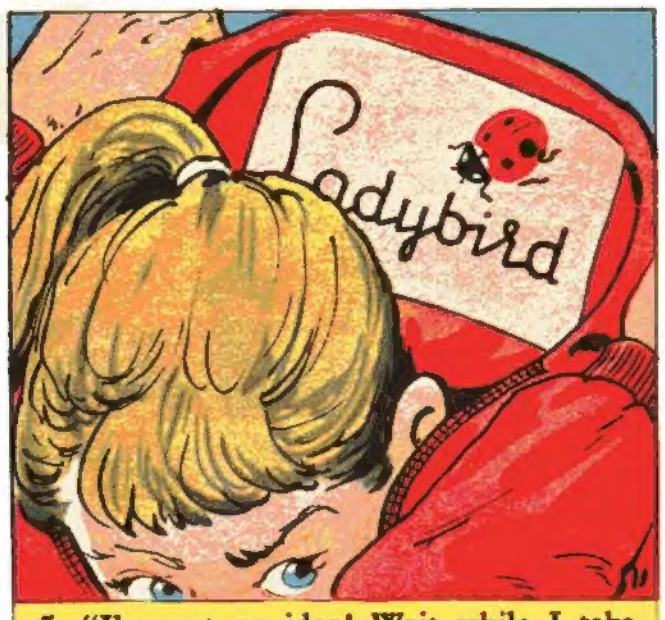
1. The Ladybird Adventurers are trapped in the smugglers' Tryberian stronghold.



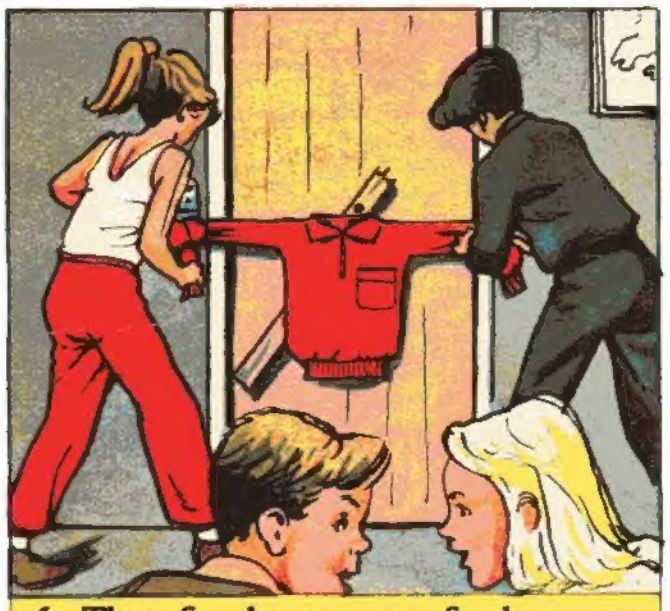
2. "Quick! Someone's coming! We must hide in one of the other rooms."

3. They all keep quiet while Peter and Peggy listen for pursuers.

4. "Gosh! We can't bar the door! What shall we do now?" asks Peter.



5. "I've got an idea! Wait while I take off my Ladybird Tracker Top."



6. They fix the garment firmly across the door. No-one can enter now!

7. "Look! These are plans to smuggle a cargo of very valuable casks."

8. Peter breaks open one of the casks and diamonds cascade to the floor.

9. "We must upset their plans. But first we must get away from here."

10. "You'd better change into Ladybird Trackers—just the thing for our escape."

How will the Adventurers escape?

Next week we shall hold an exciting

Ladybird

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COMPETITION

with lots of marvellous prizes

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